

San Diego River Area ACQUISITIONS
Deborah Jayne, San Diego River Conservancy

**Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
Project Proposal Form**

Detailed guidance on the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant program web page at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>. Please familiarize yourself with the general requirements of this program before preparing and submitting a project proposal.

Completed forms should be submitted no later than December 1, 2004, either via email to jon.vanrhyn@sdcountry.ca.gov or mailed to the following location:

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SECTION A – PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Title	San Diego River Area ACQUISITIONS
2. Contact Information	
⊗ Agency/organization	San Diego River Conservancy
⊗ Address	9174 Sky Park Court, Ste. 100 San Diego, CA 92123
⊗ Phone	858-467-2972
⊗ E-mail	djayne@waterboards.ca.gov
⊗ Submitted by (name & title)	Deborah Jayne Executive Officer
3. Project Location (City/Community)	San Diego River Area* *(.5 miles on either side of River's 52-mile center-line)
4. Watershed (if multiple or regional, please indicate)	San Diego River Watershed
5. Amount Requested	\$10 Million
6. Match Information (a minimum 10% match is required for all projects):	
⊗ Estimated match amount	\$6 Million
⊗ Has a match been identified (y/n)?	No. I will seek a cumulative 60% match from multiple federal, state, and local sources e.g., USFS; USFWS; USDO (Nat'l Parks); USEPA; USACOE; Bureau of Rec; Land and Water Conservation Fund; tribes; Resources Agency, Wildlife Conservation Board/DFG; Dept Parks and Rec; Caltrans, SCC, SDRWQCB, Helix Water District, SANDAG, UCSD, etc.

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⊖ If so, please identify the source(s)	See above
7. Status of Project (conceptual, designed & ready to build, CEQA completed, etc.)	Conceptual
<p>8. Project Description (less than 100 words)</p> <p><u>Acquire</u> properties or conservation easements within (or adjacent to) the 52-mile San Diego River Area* for the purpose of protecting and improving water quality (WQ will be protected since the two greatest threats, development and hydromodification, will be prevented). Highest priority acquisitions are <u>riparian, wetlands, and floodplain habitats</u>, as well as connections to <u>canyons and tributaries</u>. Multiple benefits include reduction of pollutant discharges, attainment of water quality standards in impaired waterbody; protection of municipal water supplies; protection/enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat; maintenance of wetland and riparian natural functions (flood management, groundwater recharge, water purification); open space and recreation.</p>	
<p>9. Additional information (include photo, regional map, text as needed. Please limit entire document to 3 pages or less):</p> <p>Each individual acquisition opportunity will be evaluated against a set of “prioritization ranking criteria” (to be established) in the Conservancy’s upcoming Strategic Plan and in the IRWMP. This Acquisitions project will incorporate the flexibility to take advantage of “windows of opportunities” as they arise.</p> <p>When the San Diego River Conservancy Act was signed into law, it created a new State Agency and bestowed upon the San Diego River the special status of a public resource of “statewide significance”. The function of a State Conservancy is to implement the State’s conservation policies and priorities and to focus the authority, policy, and most importantly, the resources of the State of California on a highly valued local resource of statewide significance.</p> <p>This Acquisitions project directly implements the stated purposes of the San Diego River Conservancy Act and the Conservancy’s upcoming Strategic Plan (which will be based on the Act). It is also fully consistent with the IRWMP (presumably) and numerous existing state and local planning documents including the San Diego River Park Conceptual Plan; City’s Draft River Park Master Plan, County’s Draft San Diego River Watershed Plan, Santee’s River Park Plan, SANDAG’S Regional Growth Management Plan (WQ Element); Regional Board’s Basin Plan and Watershed Management Initiative Chapter, and California’s Non-Point Source Plan. This project will also implement (in part) one of the San Diego Region’s most important ongoing TMDL efforts, “TMDLs for Bacteria Impaired Waters”. TMDL implementation will eventually result in the attainment of bacteria water quality standards in the lower reaches of the San Diego River, estuary, and one tributary.</p>	

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SECTION B – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. CWC section 79561 states that eligible projects must include one or more of the water management elements listed below (see Guidance Section III.C.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.

- ☐ Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency
- ☒ Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management (natural)
- ☒ Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands
- ☒ Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring
- ☐ Groundwater recharge and management projects
- ☐ Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies
- ☐ Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation and improvement of water quality
- ☒ Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat
- ☒ Watershed management planning and implementation
- ☐ Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods

2. The Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have established the statewide priorities listed below for guiding the selection of projects for funding (see Guidance Section II.E.). Please check all that apply to your proposed project.

- ☐ Reduce conflict between water users or resolve water rights disputes, including interregional water rights issues
- ☒ Implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads that are established or under development
- ☒ Implementation of Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Management Initiative Chapters, plans, and policies
- ☐ Meet Delta Water Quality Objectives
- ☐ Implementation of recommendations of the floodplain management task force, desalination task force, or recycling task force;
- ☐ Address environmental justice concerns
- ☐ Assist in achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

NOTE: The eligibility requirements and statewide priorities listed above should be considered minimum screening criteria for project selection. Additional prioritization criteria will be identified once regional goals have been established for the draft IRWM Plan. In general, applicants should assume that preference will be given to projects that are regional, multi-functional, and able to demonstrate multiple benefits.

NOTE: Proposals that include on-stream or off stream surface water storage facilities are not eligible.